

# NEWS

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## ***“Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” Food Drive Set for Election Day***

***Voters Asked to Bring Canned Goods to Polling Locations On  
Tues., June 8 to Help Keep Food Pantries Supplied for the Summer***

**WOODBIDGE** –Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac, along with senior class students from Colonia, Woodbridge, and John F. Kennedy High Schools, today announced that the **“Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote”** food drive is in place for the Primary Election on Tues., June 8, 2010. “Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” is a student-sponsored community program which encourages voters to drop-off canned goods at polling locations when they go to vote on Election Day.

“The ‘Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote’ food drive program is synonymous with election day in Woodbridge Township and is one of the most significant efforts we as a community can participate in to assist needy families,” Mayor McCormac said. “The election day food drive is even more important this year than ever before as more and more people are seeking help and assistance from our food pantries. So, when Township residents go to vote on Tuesday, we’re asking that they take a can... or two... or three... to their polling location for drop-off in the ‘Cast-a-Can’ container.”

The “Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive is coordinated by students from Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools. Working in with the Board of Elections and Town Hall, students place drop-off containers at more than 60 polling locations throughout the Township. The students collect the containers at the close of the election and take the donated food to the Township Health Center where it is sorted and distributed to food pantries.

“I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary work of our high school students from Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools, their teachers, advisors and parents for continuing to employ the increasingly successful “Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive. It is truly an effort that demonstrates a real commitment to purpose, community, and the human condition,” said Dr. John A. Crowe, Superintendent of Schools.

Peter Barcellona, Chairman of the “We Feed Woodbridge” Food Bank Committee, noted that non-perishable food stuffs (canned goods, pre-package and boxed foods, baby food, paper products, etc.) collected by the

“Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive are distributed to needy Woodbridge Township families and individuals through the following food pantries:

- Heavens Helper’s Pantry, 343 Pearl Street, Woodbridge (formerly Congregation Adath Israel) (732-742-8942);
- First Presbyterian Church, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Iselin, (732-283-1188);
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Lane, Woodbridge, (732-634-7422);
- Metro Park Assembly of God, 48 Berkeley Blvd., Iselin, (732-310-8758);
- First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, (732-634-1024);
- St. James Roman Catholic Church, 174 Grove Street, Woodbridge, (732-636-4310);
- First Presbyterian Church of Avenel, 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, (732-634-1631);
- First Congregational Church-Women of Faith, Barron Avenue, Woodbridge, (732-634-0582);
- St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church, 45 Wilus Way, Iselin (732-283-0150),
- Elijah’s Bread Food Pantry, Ridgedale and E. Prospect Avenues, Woodbridge (732-636-7727).

The year-round effort to keep Woodbridge Township food banks stocked continues with food donations being part of every election and Township-sponsored event such as the Woodbridge Wednesday concerts on Main Street, the Mayor’s Summer Concert Series at Woodbridge High School (starting July 12), the Barron Arts Center summer programs and concerts, and other Township-sponsored public events. Additionally, non-perishable foods can be dropped off any weekday at the Woodbridge Township Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Woodbridge Town Hall, 1 Main Street, the Woodbridge Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, or at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street..

Additional information about the “Cast-a-Can When You Cast Your Vote” Election Day food drive or the “We Feed Woodbridge” Committee is available by contacting the Department of Health & Human Services at 732-855-0600 x5034.

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